PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of those documents are enclosed.

The documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement, specifically, in a Questioning (copy attached) dated August 18, 2006, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application. It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

/Leonard P Diana/ Leonard P. Diana Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 29,296

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112-3801 Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

FORM PTO 1449 (modified)  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK CFFICE  LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if mosssary)				ATTY DOCKET NO. 00862.022278.	APPLICATION NO. 09/840,892		
				APPLICANTS KAZUMA SATO ET AL.			
				FILING DATE April 25, 2001		ART UNIT	ART UNIT 3629
				U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	_						
				FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS			TRANSLATION
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	JPA	08-161261		Japan			Abstract
	JPA	2000-335151		Japan			Abstract
		OT	THER DOCUMENT	(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Persin	ent Pages, Elc.)		
		Miller, Paul, "Merchandise Returns: USPS Eases 'E-turns'", Multichannel Merchant [Online], 1 December 1999					
-							
							***************************************
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED		***************************************	
XAMINER: Int	al if reference communical	e considered, whether or not don to applicant.	aterion is in confo	mance with MPEP 609, Draw line throu	igh obstan if not in i		tered. Include copy of

ATTY DOCKET NO.